Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Nov. 24.- Mrs. Leslie Coleman and Mrs. Lula Beale sat until bedtime Friday night with Mrs. Homer Reynolds.

Mr. Jim Megginson, of Norfolk, spent several days of last week in the home of Willie Beale. Mr. Bob Thornhill, of Newport News was the dinner guest in this same home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beale, of Lynchburg spent the day recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Megginson and son, Johnnie, of Spout Spring, spent Sunday in this same home.

BIRTHDAY LIST

Mrs. Clarence Beale, Nov. 11.
Mrs. Emily Chernault, Nov. 1.
Walter Robertson, Nov. 11.
John Scruggs, Nov. 1.
Mrs. Polly Beale Shenefield, Nov. 8.

ABOUT YOUR HOME

By Frances Dell

Now is a good time to make a notebook of garden suggestions that will help you become a more successful gardener come spring and summer. I will pass on to you a few facts that have helped me.

You will find there will be more flowers on your asters, bottonia and chrysanthemums if you pinch off the tip growth when each plant gets six inches tall. Nipping the tips causes single stems to branch. Repeat the operation again when the new shoots have grown another six inches.

Climbing roses trained horizontally along a low fence bloom more freely than if they are grown upright. Fasten new canes with soft cord or with regular plant ties bending them from the base. Bloom buds will rise from almost every leaf joint.

Transplant your iris to sunny spots when necessary. Pry up the clumps growing in shade and break them into sections. If they are floppy, trim the tops back to seven inches. Reset in soil mixed with fertilizer and peatmoss or compost so the root mass is covered with an inch of soil.

Keep phlox blooming in colors you desire by cutting off flower heads before seeds drop, and by removing "volunteer" seedlings. Wet the soil and grasp the stems of poor-colored plants and twist to pull out.

Virginia Not Sharing In National Expansion Of Vegetable Production

Virginia producers have not shared in the national expansion of processing vegetable production.

James B. Bell, assistant agricultural economist at VPI, says that nationally the processing vegetable industry has made a substantial increase in acreage with sharply higher yields. Total production of vegetable for processing in the United States doubled in the years between 1935-38 and 1995-58. Acreage in this period was up 20 per cent, with the large production increase coming mainly from the whopping 70 per cent increase in yield.

Meanwhile, Virginia's production of vegetables for processing is down 21 per cent from the 1935-38 level. Yields in Virginia over the past two decades have increased only 27 per cent compared with the national average of 70 per cent. Acreage has dropped in Virginia by 34 per cent.

Vegetable production, in fact, is down in the entire South Atlantic region. Expansion has been most phenomenal in the western states. Today, almost one out of every two vegetable products processed in the United States is grown in the production areas of the West.

This does not mean that Virginia is going to lose its processing industry, Bell says. It does mean, however, that Virginians must do a better job of both production and processing in the future. "We must be more selective in the crops produced and processed, and we must select those for which we have some competitive advantage," the economist says.

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Really Happy

"Remember what I told you last Monday, children — that you should all try to make someone happy during the week?" asked the teacher. "Well, how many of you did so?"

"I did, teacher," replied one boy, brightly. "I went to see my aunt, and she is always happy when I go home.'

Tunisians vote in first elections of republic.

Yugoslavs pained by rationing of electricity.

Peiping preaches doctrine of hard work.

Play safe — drive carefully.

COM. LAIR'S SON JOINS MARINE CORPS

Pamplin, Nov. 24.- Com. Patrick Lair, U. S. Navy, administered the Oath of Allegiance and Swore In his son, Patrick Lair, Jr., into the U. S. Marine Corps, at Lynchburg, Va., on Nov. 23, 1959. Patrick Lair, Jr., will leave for Parris Island, S. C., to commence his training on Dec. 4, 1959.

FOREST FIRES BURNED OVER 900 ACRES IN SOUTHSIDE

Forest fires, burning some 900 acres in Southside Virginia so far this year, have more than tripled in number over the 1958 total. The increase in number of fires and acres burned is attributed to continued dry periods during times when there is increased forest use.

Virginia Division of Forestry forest wardens, in studying the increased loss of forested acres to fire, say that during the past spring and early summer months, when most farm and rural clean up operations are in progress, were exceptionally dry and fires escaped easier and quicker. Normally, say forest wardens, the spring months of March, April and early May produced the dryest and most dangerous fire conditions. This year, the lack of rainfall during this period and in late May and June extended the danger period and resulted in hiher fire losses.

Foresters, cautioning that the months of September, October and November are the most dangerous fire periods during the fall, say that the fire occurance has been below normal this year for the autumn season. Increased rainfall during October and November has reduced the fire hazard.

Forest wardens are quick to caution, however, that with the opening of hunting season and the increased use of forestland during this period, the danger and chance of forest fires is increased. The woods dry out quickly in November, say forest wardens and the chance of fire escaping is high.

Forestry personnel warn that camp and warming fires should be totally extinguished and that extreme care should be taken to put out all cigarettes, cigars, pipe heals and matches.

Hunters are reminded that smoking or burning out game from trees, slab piles or other hideouts is not only unlawful and unsportsmanlike, but is extremely dangerous as fire can quickly escape to forest land.

The 10-county Southside Division of Forestry District with headquarters at Farmville says that, the total number of escaped fires to date in 1959 is 197 burning 904 acres. 56 fires burned 186 acres for the same period during 1958. Brush burning and smokers still top the list of fire causes.

Candid Comment

When opportunity knocks, it only means the new electric chimes are not working. —Wall Street Journal.

No Saving

Well, anyway the world is getting its worries in the big economy size. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Nobody Cares

A song title we like is "Meet Me At No Special Place, and I'll Be There At No Special Time." We mean to attend, having no real occasion to. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

London stock market is firm after shake-out.

Steel uncertainty clouds economic outlook.

Britain pursues plan for wider free-trade zone.

Manned space glider ordered by Air Force.

Officials concerned by trend of jobless reserves.

Federal reports says venereal cases increasing.

Steel mills still study damage from disuse.

Rapid growth predicted for savings, loan units.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Lee Theatre to re-open next week.

France to spend $506,600,000 on Algeria in 1960.

U. S. moon rocket try failed this morning.

Steel consumers face a wait for supplies.

The trouble with most reformers is that two of them so rarely agree.

Obey the rules of the road if you want to live longer.

A compliment makes more friends for you than the truth.

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Lions Club Speaker

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club at 6:45 this evening. The meeting will be at Parkway Restaurant.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM TO BE HELD

Fifty-seven winners of 4-H medals and awards will be honored at an Achievement Awards Banquet, Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Appomattox Elementary School at 6:30 P. M. The banquet is being sponsored by the Farmers National Bank of Appomattox and each winner is invited to bring one parent with him. Speaker for the banquet will be Mr. L. B. Dietrick, Dean, School of Agriculture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

FAMILY REUNION

An Anderson, Norman Hubbard reunion was held recently in the Appomattox High School cafeteria. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Perdue, Mrs. Margaret Tile, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shealor, Jr. and family, from Richmond; Mrs. Geo. H. Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders, of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Anderson and family, of Norfolk; Mrs. Edith Spears and family, of South Boston. Miss Linda Jo Saunders, of Farmville; Mrs. Ben Cole, Mr. John C. Cole and family, Byron B. Cole and family, and Mrs. W. Pat Coleman, of Appomattox. Dinner was served, family style.

WOODMEN NEWS

The Woodman Circle, Grove 73, of Appomattox, had a Fellowship Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6 o'clock at Maude's Restaurant. There were about 25 of the members present, including one state officer, Mrs. Ed Blackwell.

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4-H CLUB LEADERS ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE

A delegation of 4-H Club leaders represented the seven community clubs at the Annual Leaders Conference at Natural Bridge on Nov. 21. Various discussion groups were conducted.

Delegates from Appomattox were, left to right above: Mrs. Buster Lacrodo, Lee Club; Miss Ida Belle Harvey, Evergreen; Mrs. Hunt Hamilton, Lee Club; Mrs. Ella Anderson, County Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. Shelby Tucker, Glendale Club; Mrs. Ray Booth, Glendale Club; Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Clover Hill Club; Mrs. R. K. Martin, Lucky Clover Club; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson, Hebron Senior Club; background, G. D. Gilliam, Jr., Assistant County Agent, and John L. Harrison of the Hebron Jr. Club.

Basketball Season Starts Here Friday Night

The new basketball season for the Appomattox High School will begin Friday night, Dec. 4, with A. H. S. boys and girls playing hosts to New London. The game will start at 7:30, in the high school gym.

The coaching staff has had practice drills since the end of the football season, and hopes to come up with a winning team. The squad is made up of the following:

Forwards, Jimmy Mayberry, Hunter Tolley, Brod Pack, Harold Conner, Dickie Guill. Mayberry and Pack are seniors.

Centers: Randy Almond and Austin Pankey. Almond is a senior.

Guards: Johnny Canada, L. N. Garrette, Robert Garrette, James Whitehead and Freddie Wingfield. L. N. Garrette is a senior.

The Schedule

Dec. New London, here.
Dec. 11: Rustburg, there.
Dec. 16: V. E. S., there.
Dec. 18: Alumni, here.
Jan. 5: Amherst, here.
Jan. 12: William Campbell, here.
Jan. 15: Nelson, there.
Jan. 22: Brookville, there.
Jan. 29: Rustburg, here.
Feb. 5: William Campbell, there.
Feb. 9: Nelson, here.
Feb. 12: New London, there.
Feb. 16: Amherst, there.
Feb. 19: Brookville, here.
Game time will be 7:30 P. M.

The A. H. S. girls hope to have a successful season, and most of the scheduled games call for girls to play the opening game. The squad is made up of:

Forwards: Virginia Caldwell, Carson Crawley, Carolyn Childers, Patsy Jamerson, Luella Martin, Mary McCleany, Patricia Thomas, Joyce Tolley.

Guards: Margaret Bragg, Nancy Chandler, Ann Martin, Joan Martin, Doris Mayberry, captain; Ann Kannon and Patricia Jones.

Coaches: Mrs. Louise Martin, Mr. Grant Rash.

ACREAGE ALLOTMENT IS ANNOUNCED

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced the national marketing quota for the 1960 crop of flue-cured tobacco. The Department also announced that the discount variety program on flue-cured tobacco will continue in effect on the 1960 crop.

The quota of 1,078.6 million pounds, converted to acres, results in 715,110 acres available for allotment in 1960. Acreage available for allotment in 1959 totaled 714,327 acres. The small increase in the 1960 acreage is included in the reserve for establishing allotments for farm sthat have not grown flue-cured tobacco during the past 5 years, for correcting errors, and for adjusting inequities. Thus, for most farms, 1960 allotments will be the same as in 1959.

As directed by present legislation, flue-cured tobacco prices for the 1960 crop will be supported at 90 per cent of parity since marketing quotas will be in effect.

In the last flue-cured tobacco quota referendum ,held Dec. 15, 1958, quotas for the 1959, 1960, and 1961 crops were approved by 95.4 per cent of the 176,607 growers voting.

Flue-cured tobacco is grown in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will have its Christmas meeting Monday, Dec. 7, at 3:15 P. M., at the home of Mrs. S. S. Shouse. The Fine Arts Department, of which Mrs. Richard Janatka is chairman, will present the program. Miss Margaret Rule, of the Rule Book Store, Lynchburg, will give a book review on Billy Burks' new book, "Powder On My Nose." Members and their guests are invited.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 7: Vegetable stew with crackers, 1-2 peanut butter sandwich, potato chips, apple sauce, hot ginger bread, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 8: Chili con carne, string beans, whipped potatoes, hot yeast bread, with butter, fruit jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 9: Barbeque on bun, 1 slice cheese, baked apples, pinto beans with tomato catsup, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 10: Hot dog in roll with dressing, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, choice of peaches or purple plums, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 11: Turkey hash with hot biscuits, candied sweet potatoes, green peas, cherry roll, 1-2 pt. milk.

Government may seek powers to curb strikes.

Old U. S. aid funds still helping Yugoslavia.

Subscription rate, $2.00 a year.

RETIRES AFTER 2,300,000 MILES AS POSTMAN

When John David Plunkett, 67, highly esteemed Appomattox citizen, stepped down from the rail way train here a few days ago (pictured above), he was "wrapping up" a career in a work he loved. He was retiring after 46 years of service in the finest tradition of "getting the U. S. mail through."

"Dave was born by the railroad track — about 300 feet away— and he has ridden an estimated 2,300,000 miles as a railroad postal employee. His record was made along the run from Norfolk to Bluefield. As he stepped into retirement a few days ago, he had this message for young men: "I think a young man should have the opportunity to select a life work something that he likes and loves. And if he gets that break, he should give it his best, and be proud to make a career of it."

John David Plunkett was born on Sept. 7, 1892. That was the same year The Times-Virginian was established). He was the son of John Sam Plunkett and Anna Coleman Plunkett. The Plunkett home was on the approximate site of the present H. C. Babcock store, and just 30 feet away from the railroad tracks in downtown Appomattox. His father was postmaster for awhile and ran a general store. "West Appomattox" was the town name then, later to become "Appomattox." Before, it had been "Nebraska."

Young David grew up along the railroad tracks, and then he went to school. He remembers as his teacher, the late Miss Eddy Hardy, one of the grand teachers in the history of this county. The public school was located at the site of the present T. W. Moses home. Mr. John Fisher became principal.

Dave recalls as one of his very first jobs, working a night shift at the telephone central office. The location was about at the spot of the present Appomattox Fire Company building. A hardware business was on the first floor, the telephone office on the second floor, and the Masonic Hall on the third floor. It was Appomattox's first "skyscraper." He worked there from April, 1910, until October, 1911. Then he worked with the late L. E. Smith until February, 1913. Back in May, 1912, he had taken the Civil Service examination for a position with the Post Office Department. He went to work with the Department Feb. 19, 1913, as a mail weigher on trains. He became a substitute railroad postman and then regular postman, and finally a foreman in successive promotions.

His retirement date was as of November 30, 1959.

Most of his runs were on the line from Norfolk to Bluefield. That made it easy for him to figure out his 2,300,000 mile travel total. It is 216 rail miles from Norfolk to Bluefield.

During his long career, Dave learned all the skill of a railroad postman, figuring out routing and names of post offices, and mastering the reading of all sorts of handwriting. He says now that a bit of extra care on the part of the sender, could aid the postman.

Mr. Plunkett is a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox. His wife is the former Alice Marie Tuggle. They were wed Dec. 11, 1913. They have two children: John Garland Plunkett, incumbent County Treasurer of Appomattox County, and Mrs. J. J. (Susie Katherine) Cooke, of Petersburg.

Dave will now enjoy being with his family, friends, and his farm. He is in top shape physically. "When I retired," he said, "I had 301 days of unused sick leave."

In describing his record of travel, Mr. Plunkett says, "I estimate that I traveled 2,300,000 miles, and never got a scratch" And he adds that nothing ever happened on the runs to scare him very much. One incident that he did recall that could have been serious, happened during World War II. He was on the second section of "No. 4, and the train was moving along at nearly 30 miles an hour, when he says "we struck a lumber truck at a grade crossing about 9 miles east of Blackstone." He went on to say the

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Centennial Commission Plans 3rd Meeting

Washington, D. C.- A third national assembly of people from all organizations and agencies interested in the forthcoming Civil War Centennial has been scheduled to be held at St. Louis, Mo., next May 4-6.

In announcing plans for the meeting, Congressman Wint Smith, of Kansas, chairman of the National Civil War Centennial Commission's Executive Committee, pointed out that it will convene less than nine months before the official start of the nation-wide program of observances, including reenactments, now projected.

The major purpose of the gathering will be to discuss and add final touches to state program planning, reenactments and educational features. All sessions will be held at the historic Sheraton - Jefferson Hotel, situated on a site where Union General Grant once sold cord wood from his farm on Gravois Road, now the Busch estate.

Congressman Smith said:

"Our first assembly was held in Washington, D. C., and our second session last spring was held at Richmond, Va., thus taking us to both of the capitals involved in the Civil War. Now members of my committee feel we should go to the mid-west. Our fourth and perhaps final meeting we hope to hold in the deep South, where much of the war was fought."

Major-General U. S. Grant, 3rd, chairman of the National Commission, said he was highly pleased with the choice.

COL WOODSON ASKS HOLIDAY SAFETY

Richmond, Va.- Calling attention to the heavily increased traffic dangers of December, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of the State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Saftey Committee, today made a plea for full public cooperation in an all-out effort to cut the traditionally high death toll of the month.

"Fewer hours of daylight," he said, "with hours of greatest congestion falling in darkness present what is probably the greatest hazard, with pedestrians particularly vulnerable." Here, he noted that 71 per cent of Virginia's fatal crashes last December occurred in darkness.

Increased drinking and driving, which appears to be more and more prevelant as the holiday season nears, was listed as another strong factor. Colonel Woodson reported that during 1958, drivers known to have been drinking were involved in 23.3 per cent of Virginia's fatal crashes and that special study by the National Safety Council indicate that the percentage for the entire United States rises to at least 55 during the immediate Christmas season.

"We must realize," he continued, "that Christmas 'shopping swells traffic and that many more people are exposed to traffic afoot than is the usual case. Add to this the fact that both walkers and drivers have their minds on holiday thoughts and the dangers are apparent."

"No one is going to enjoy Christmas if he or someone close to him is involved in a crash of any magnitude," he concluded.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Schedule of meetings of home demonstration clubs:

Monday, Dec. 7: Country Lane Club will meet at 6:30 P. M., at the home agent's office, for their annual Christmas dinner and meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Leader training meeting for Federation Program of Work Leaders, 2 P. M., at the home agent's office.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Spout Spring Club will meet at 2 P. M., at Spout Spring elementary school lunch room, with Mrs. Wesley Martin as hostess.

Friday, Dec. 11: Appomattox Club will meet at 10 A. M. with Mrs. S. S. Shouse.

Note change in date of meeting.